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SUBJECT:BRITISH PROPOSE CONSULTATION GROUP TRAVEL TO
SALISBURY

REF: LUSAKA 1795

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH LOW THAT OUR NEGOTIATING
POSITION WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND FRONT LINE STATES
COULD BE DAMAGED, PERHAPS SERIOUSLY, IF THE CONSULTATION
GROUP WERE TO PROCEED TO SALISBURY BEFORE MEETING WITH
NKOMO AND RECEIVING THE PF'S PROPOSALS ON A CONSTITUTION
AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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2. ACCORDINGLY REQUEST SEITZ GET IN TOUCH WITH GRAHAM AND
EXPRESS OUR CONCERN THAT BRITISH PROPOSAL ON CG TRAVEL
IS CONTRARY TO UNDERSTANDING WE HAD WITH THE HMG REGARDING
THE DESIRABILITY OF SEEING NKOMO BEFORE GOING TO
SALISBURY. IN ELABORATING, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE POINTS
LOW MADE -N PARAGRAPH FIVE OF REFTEL AND SUBSTANCE OF

HIS RECOMMENDATION IN PARAGRAPH FIVE. YOU COULD ADD THAT WE BELIEVE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS WOULD BE COMPLICATED AND EXTENDED BY TALKING TO SMITH ABOUT CONSTITUTION WITHOUT HAVING ANY WAY OF KNOWING HOW SMITH WILL REACT TO PF PROPOSALS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DEVELOPING FINAL PACKAGE.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM UK EMBASSY HERE OF OUR CONCERN THAT BRITISH IDEA ON CG TRAVEL IS CONTRARY TO OUR PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDING, AND STATE THAT WE SEE STRONG DISADVANTAGES IN GOING TO SMITH WITHOUT HAVING MET FIRST WITH NKOMO.

4. FYI SECRETARY VANCE AND DR. OWEN AGREED IN PARIS THAT CONSULTATIVE GROUP SHOULD RESUME THEIR SOUNDINGS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA JULY 6 AND REPORT BACK, BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION THEN THAT THEY SHOULD START WITH RHODESIANS RATHER THAN PATRIOTIC FRONT, AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.
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